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Political pot continues to bubble more murkily than ever. Carton de Wiart has given up task of attempting to form 1-party government and it is reported on good authority that regent will request Duvieusart Eyskens once more to act "informateur" in attempting to create new cabinet.

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Meanwhile, although political strike has gone off fairly calmly as forecast MYTEL 485 today, there was one stirring incident in Brussels when crowd of perhaps 12,000 anti-Leopoldists met in a public square and were harangued briefly by Spaak who in very strong terms threatened grave consequences if King should return. During episode preceding this speech a number of strike-breaking street cars were damaged by crowd and one pro-Leopold idiot who shouted his feelings from a private automobile had car over-turned and burned. Crowd then kindly assisted in putting out fire.

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